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Honorable Arthur S. Flemming
Director,
Office of Defense Mobilization
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Flemming:

Reference is made to your Memorandum to the Heads of Departments and Agencies dated 7 October 1954 enclosing a Check List for Maintenance of Executive Direction.

In a conference held on 27 October 1954 between Mr. Merrill J. Collett of your staff and [redacted] of this office it was agreed that only Paragraph 1 of the Check List is applicable to this Agency. Accordingly, the information requested in that paragraph is submitted below.

One successor to the Director of Central Intelligence is provided by law in the person of the Deputy Director of Central Intelligence. In addition, a succession list of six designated key officials of the Agency has been established by the Director. Five of these officials are on duty in the headquarters, and the sixth is on duty abroad.

A study is in progress to determine the feasibility of establishing a reserve corps of former Agency officials, some of whom might be designated as alternate successors to command. Your representative will be apprised when this study has been completed.

Sincerely,

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L. K. White
Deputy Director

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